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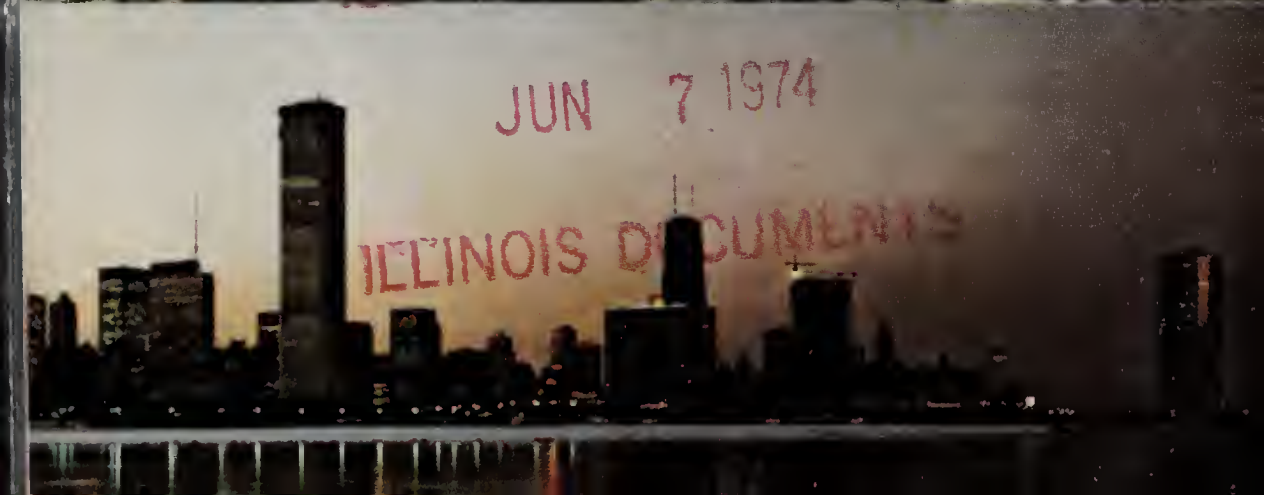
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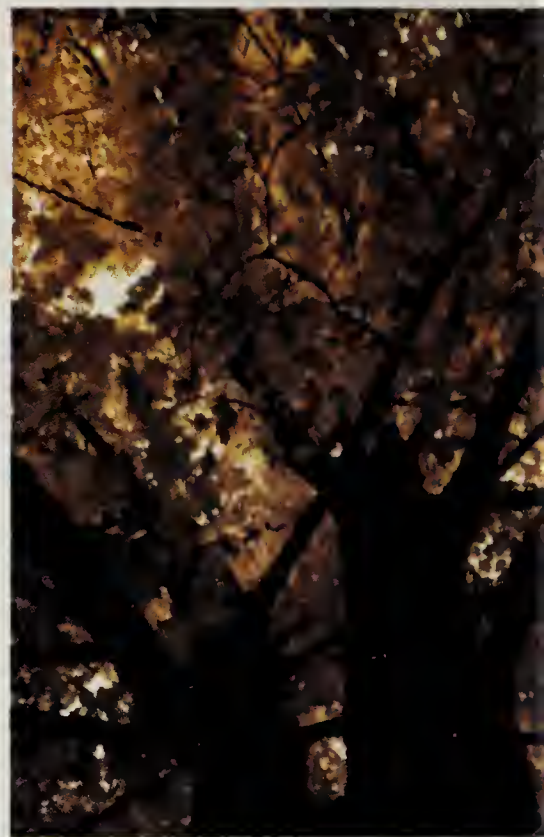
There's a place in Illinois called the Garden of the Gods. Raw outcrops like Camel Rock and Stone Face rear out of a thick woods, and in the fall, there's every color from tobacco brown to pale gold. It's the kind of place that makes you feel right with the world. There are a lot of places like that in Illinois.

French explorers and fur traders, Indian soldiers, Mormons, Icarians and Swedes have all left a rich heritage in Illinois. The glaciers left a landscape of wide-open plains surrounded on three sides by rolling lakelands and river valleys. Within Illinois' borders, played-out lead mines, iron furnaces and ramshackle rivertowns whisper of a pioneer past. Indian ghosts lurk on top of bluffs and behind prehistoric stoneforts. On Illinois soil, Abraham Lincoln grew to greatness.

Launch an inner tube or a cruiser. There are over 1,600 square miles of Illinois lakes, everything from massive Carlyle and Rend lakes to Norman Rockwell-perfect "swimmin' holes." Paddle up a lazy river, down a fast one, or worship the sun on a Lake Michigan beach.

There is a lot more to Illinois than meets the eye. To help you discover it all, we've divided the state into five sections. Each has its own special flavor. Each has unique attractions to lure you into discovering Illinois.

▽ Fall colors are glorious



▽ Hunt antiques in old-fashioned towns



△ Float everything from kayaks to cruisers

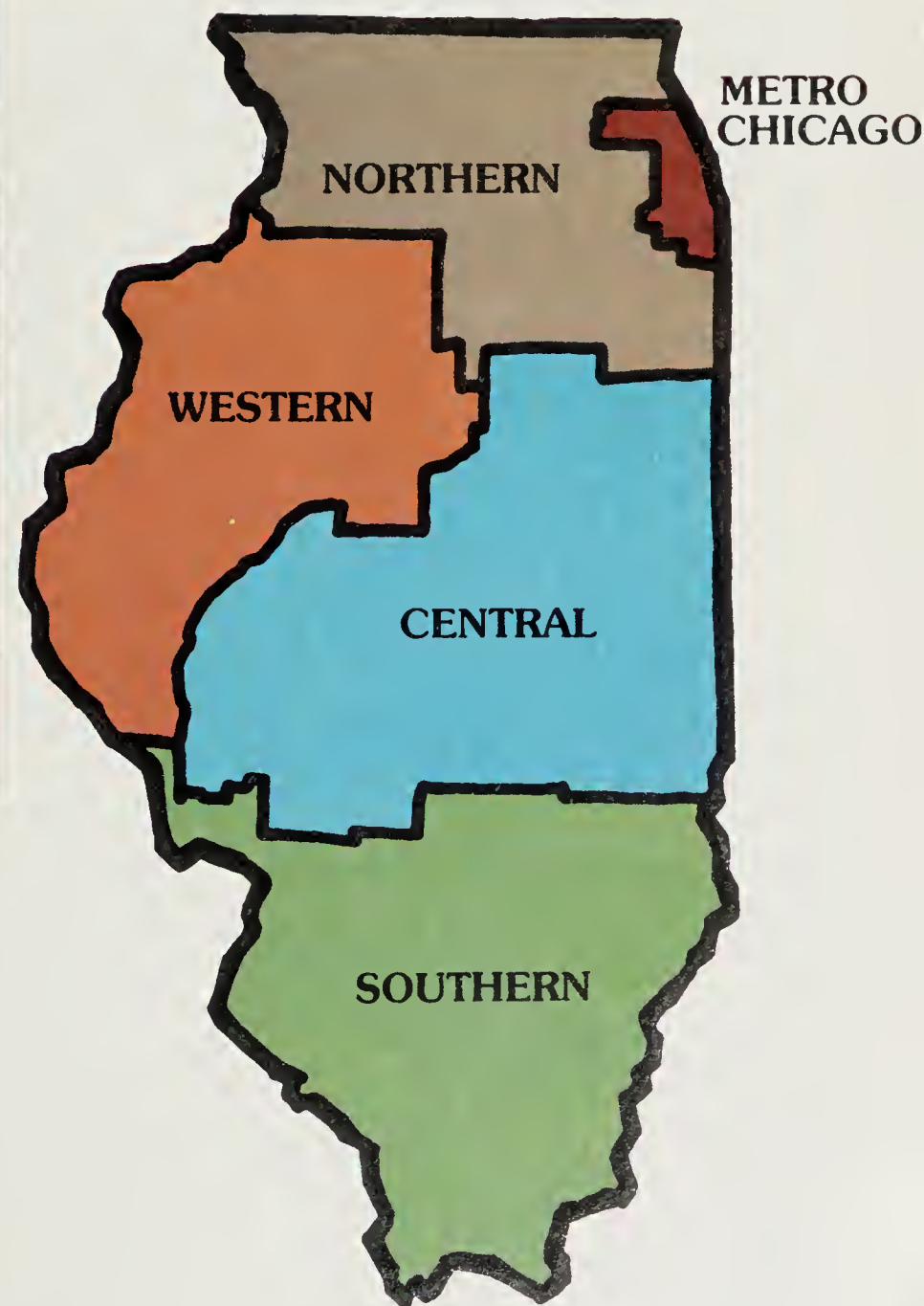


△ Board Peoria's Julia Belle Swain

▽ Ski downhill or cross-country, skate, sled or hike!



▽ Spend a day in the 1800's at Lincoln's New Salem



△ Country roads are great for hiking, biking, driving

◁ Sunsets last forever on the prairie



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△ (Center) The Old State Capitol is completely restored

Southern

They call it "Little Egypt." Down there where the Illinois, Kaskaskia, Wabash and Ohio rivers meet, where the waters rise and churn, carving out islands. Beyond the river bluffs, things get high, wild and rugged—all 250,000 beautiful acres of it known as the Shawnee National Forest. For ten thousand years man has made it home. He left rock carvings, cave paintings and prehistoric stoneforts to excite the imaginations of campers, hikers and archaeologists. Today, he gathers Wyeths and Picassos into the excellent turn-of-the-century collection of the Mitchell Art Museum in Mt. Vernon.

Parts of the old French settlements have succumbed to floods, but their heritage is firmly entrenched in names and ruins, forts and festivals. The earthworks of Fort Kaskaskia remain high on a bluff with the lovely old Pierre Menard home. Fort Massac is being restored to glory as the last French stronghold on the Ohio. The 1756 stone fortress of Fort de Chartres is partially reconstructed; it was the last fort in North America to lower the French flag.

A bank in lusty Old Shawneetown once refused a loan to fledgling Chicago because it was "too far away to ever amount to anything." Twenty miles south, Cave-in-Rock provides a spectacular view of the Ohio River that was much appreciated by river pirates.

While Vandalia survived 19 stormy, slave-issue years as the state capital, iron furnaces were supplying armor for Civil War battleships like the Monitor. And plantations like those along Smoky Row near Cairo held to Confederate sentiments. Even today, along the flat, black river bottoms, a little of the Old South clings to the magnolias.

You'll find peace at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, joy in wild places like Crab Orchard National Refuge and Giant City State Park. There is, in fact, something very special in the whole of Southern Illinois.

▽ Shawnee Forest offers
250,000 wild acres



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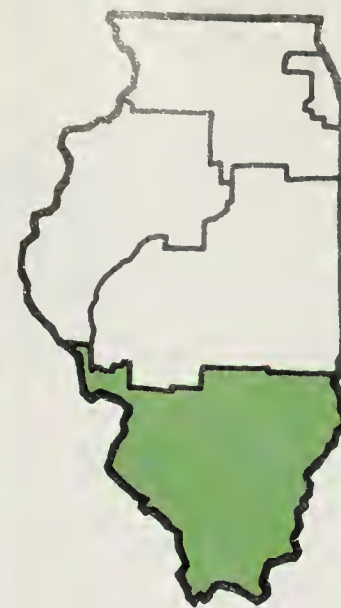
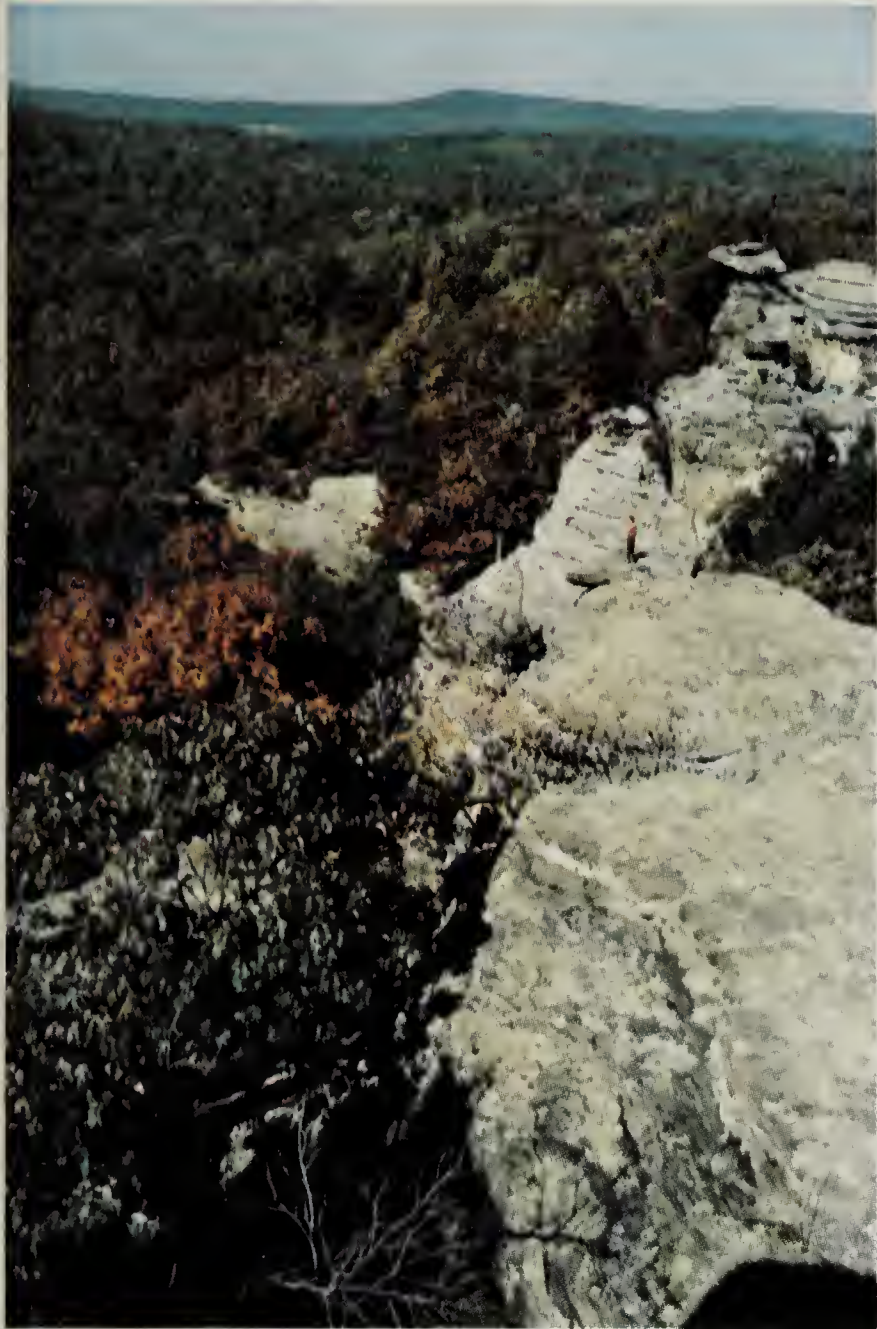


△ A Cahokia
archaeologist
digs for
clues

▷ Vandalia
State House,
restored as
in 1838



▽ Camel Rock oversees the Garden of the Gods



◁ Sail 19,000-acre
Rend Lake



◁ Fort de Chartres
Rendezvous
revives the
French era



△ Fern Clyffe State Park lures campers south



△ An early pioneer iron furnace



△ Outdoor altar, Our Lady of the Snows Shrine

Central

Wide-open, free and friendly, that's Central Illinois. It's land to be explored, from black tops and gravel roads, from Sunday morning small town cafes and impulsive forays to antique shops. It's for doing your own thing, letting yourself go, and finding your own special place. And be prepared for surprises.

That flat, black soil isn't as humble as it seems. It stretches over crude oil and coal, covers strip mines into places like Kickapoo State Park where you can have a lake all to yourself. It's plowed by Amish work horses and stereo-tape-equipped tractors. You can "barefoot" the new furrows halfway to your knees.

Anything wet goes. Throw in a fishing line. Paddle nine canoe trails including the Vermillion, one of the best whitewater rivers in the state. Joyride on the Kankakee River and the lakes of Shelbyville, Springfield and Decatur.

The Assembly Hall at the University of Illinois bears a striking resemblance to a flying saucer. Exotic statues dot the deep woods of Allerton Park near Monticello. In Bloomington, the mansion built by Lincoln's friend, David Davis, is so splendidly and thoroughly Victorian, a tour is an experience in 19th century living.

Abraham Lincoln stepped so deeply into the rich, black dirt of Central Illinois that you can follow him still. Trace Lincoln's heritage through New Salem, Petersburg, Lincoln and Springfield. You'll find Lincoln, the storekeeper, the circuit-rider, the legislator, the father . . . a man very much a part of the Illinois prairie he loved.

▽ Visit Amish colonies on Market Days



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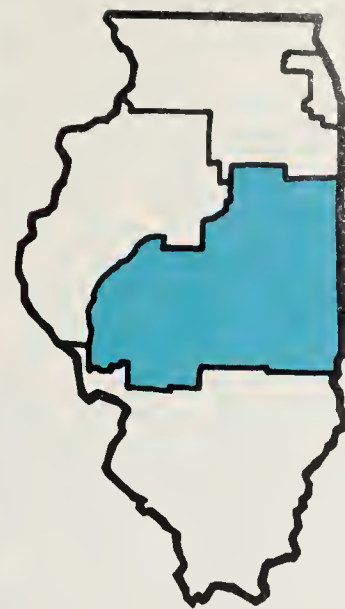


▷ A storm rolls over the Illinois prairie



▷ Interior of the Old State Capitol in Springfield

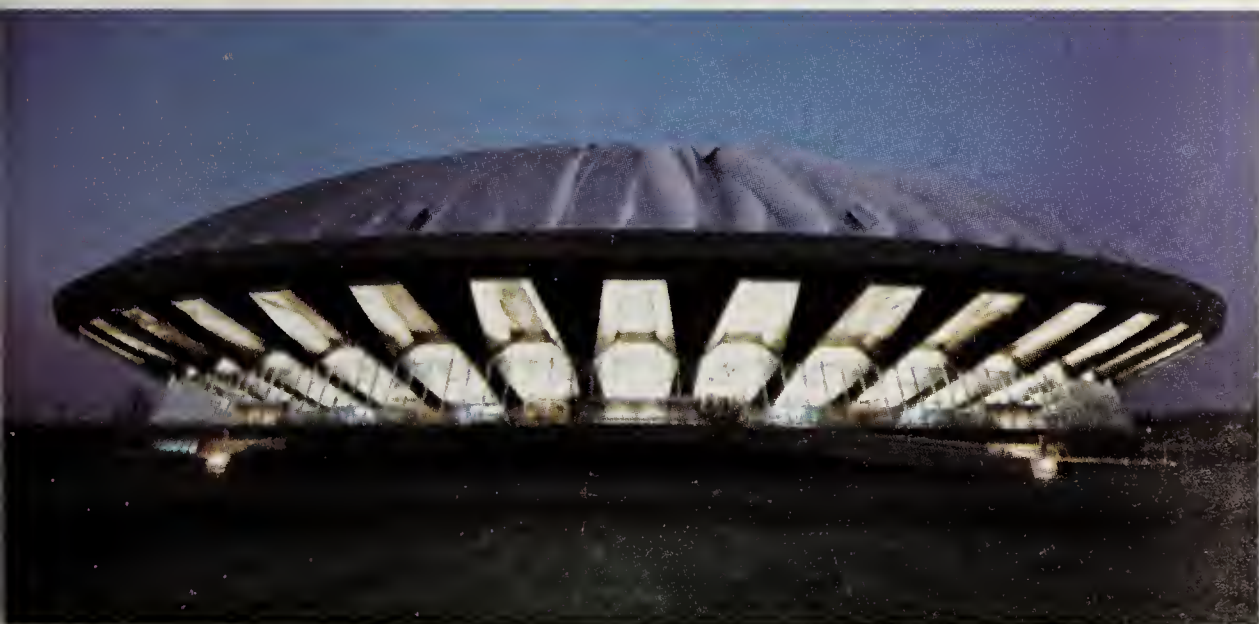
▽ The only home Lincoln ever owned, Springfield



◁ See the
State Capitol,
Springfield

▽ Lincoln, the Circuit Rider, at New Salem

▽ The University
of Illinois
Assembly Hall



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△ A quiet stretch of the Sangamon River



△ Lincoln's New Salem State Park

Western

There is something about the pastured hills and old-fashioned towns of Western Illinois that reminds you of Indian Summer. It glows with friendliness and an easy manner. And evenings cast a faint haze of yesteryear.

Many authors have caught the spirit of Western Illinois. Carl Sandburg's boyhood home is in Galesburg. Edgar Lee Masters so immortalized the Spoon River, most people are surprised to actually find it curling under old iron bridges near Lewistown, a rangy, backwoods stream whose valley beckons hikers, bikers and canoeists.

The land is so mellow, it seems to lean downward to both east and west, rolling ever so slowly and gently into the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. A thousand years ago, a great Indian culture thrived among the many small streams that flow to the big waters. The museum at Dickson Mounds canopies over the archaeological digs of the largest known site of well-preserved, exposed burials and burial offerings.

The Mormons tucked themselves into a crescent bend of the Mississippi and called their town Nauvoo, the "beautiful place." The streets filled with old Mormon shops, homes and inns that run to the island-freckled river still prove the town was well named.

Today the homes of men like Brigham Young and Joseph Smith are carefully preserved museums of the Mormon life. An Icarian French colony followed the Mormon exodus and now Nauvoo is as famous for its distinctive wine and cheese as for the legacy of the early settlers.

Near Bishop Hill, you might find people casually conversing in Swedish. Although that first Illinois commune prospered only 15 years, most of its members didn't stray very far. Twenty-two buildings remain on the hill; the quiet halls of Colony Church display the paintings of plains' primitivist Olof Krans.

A hundred tree-tunneled country roads will tempt you in Western Illinois. Indulge. There is a magic in the ravines that turns today's into yesterdays.



▷ Spoon River
Fall Festival
is charmingly
old-fashioned



▽ Old water
well in Nauvoo



▷ "It Will
Soon Be Here"
painted by
Olof Krans

▽ An old swimmin' hole with a new gang

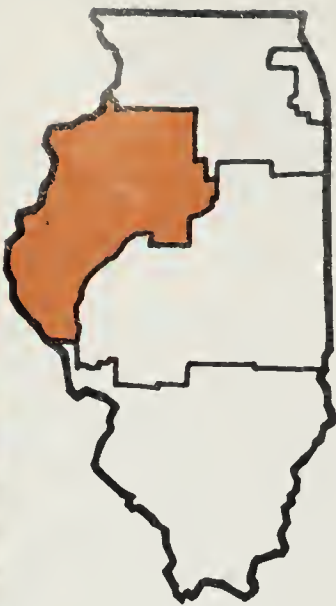


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▽ Discover French vineyards in Nauvoo



▽ Desk at the Carl Sandburg home, Galesburg



Woodland Pottery



△ Interpretive display, Dickson Mounds Museum



△ Old Metamora Courthouse dates from Lincoln's time



△ Civil War memorial at Bishop Hill

Northern

▽ Fog engulfs river traffic

The glaciers gave Northern Illinois a lot of ups and downs, many of them filled with water, all of them easy on the eyes.

Glaciers dug Illinois' largest concentration of natural lakes, the Chain O'Lakes, conveniently close to Chicago. Meltwaters draining over a soft sandstone faultline carved the plunging gorges, canyons and waterfalls of Starved Rock and Matthiessen State Parks. A forty-eight foot statue of Chief Black Hawk towers 200 feet over the Rock River, a river that some have called the "Hudson of the West."

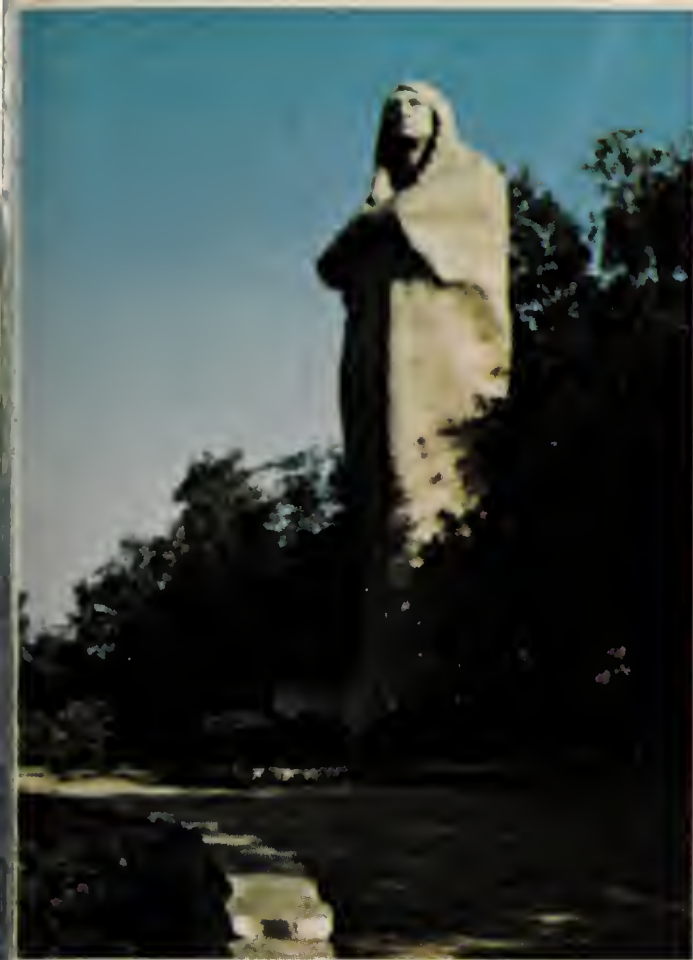
John Deere tamed the sticky prairie soil when he stood in his Grand Detour blacksmith shop and hammered out a self-polishing steel plow. Now that shop is the birthplace of a machinery empire, and the grounds surrounding it offer a sample of 19th century farm life.

Just one chunk of Illinois remained unscathed by glacial ice. The sharply etched far northwest is the highest country in the state and has some of the best slopes for skiing. Up there, the soil is several million years older and thinner. Once lead was so close to the surface, French explorers Jolliet and Marquette noted Indians mining it with the most primitive tools. Not too long after, Galena boomed as a mining and steamboating center . . . until the mines proved shallow, the railroad came and U.S. Grant went to war and to Washington.

If time hasn't stood still in Galena, it's at least slowed down to a comfortable walk. The brick streets ramble steeply up and down. They're lined with elegant old 19th century homes and a treasure trove of antique shops. But Galena isn't the only place to find old things. Antique-hunting is well rewarded in Long Grove, Richmond, Frankfort and Libertyville. Search all around the Rockford area and near Geneva and St. Charles in the Fox River Valley.



△ (Above) There are many spots for fine skiing
△ Past pleasures in Long Grove



◁ Chief Black Hawk surveys the Rock River, Oregon

▽ Birthplace of a machinery empire, Grand Detour



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◁ Galena rises on five levels

▽ Spend a day hiking river roads



△ Launch a canoe on Fox River

△ (Center) River view, Mississippi Palisades State Park

△ Camp lakeside sites for a weekend or week

Metro Chicago

▽ Miles of Lake Michigan shore

Chicago moves! And gathers you up in its excitement. There, even people-watching is entertainment, and it's one city with all the parks and plazas a people-watcher could wish for.

On that great street, State Street, the world's largest department stores are yours for window shopping. Up on Michigan Avenue and the Gold Coast, sidewalks take on trees, and the shops showcase rare delights from the world at large. In Old Town and New Town and on Lincoln Avenue, brownstones and warehouses have turned into galleries, restaurants and unlimited specialty shops.

Yet Old World ethnic pockets have tucked themselves into corners all over town. Their neighborhood bakeries, taverns and restaurants dish up hearty servings of exciting cuisine. Dine before or after the theatre—or the opera, the ballet, the symphony, a movie. Take the family to Lincoln Park Zoo or to the dolphin show at Brookfield Zoo. Take yourself out to a ball game, or a concert—Chicago has all kinds.

Chicago hugs Lake Michigan. At lunch-time, would-be mariners daydream along the harbor. On lazy summer weekends, the lake shimmers with bright sails. Near the water, you'll find most of Chicago's museums. You could spend a whole week at the Museum of Science and Industry. Adler Planetarium turns the heavens around at whim. A coral reef is growing at Shedd Aquarium, while a block away, the Field Museum of Natural History is guarded by the bones of a prehistoric Tyrannosaurus rex. The world-famous Chicago Art Institute has more French Impressionist works than the Louvre.

Oak Park provides a bountiful assortment of Frank Lloyd Wright homes that today seem quite classic when compared to the glass towers of Mies van der Rohe. Just walking Chicago or looping around on the "El" train introduces architecture that changed the face of cities. Chicago invented the skyscraper and just put the finishing touches on the tallest one in the nation.

Explore all of Metro Chicago. From sprawling green Morton Arboretum to magnificent Baha'i Temple, its people and places have fascinating stories to tell. Come make Chicago "your kind of town."



△ Museum complex on Lake Michigan



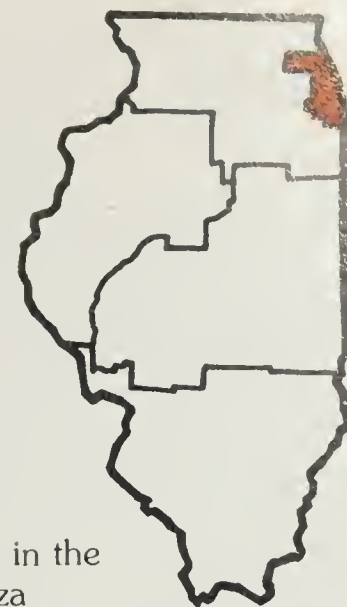
▷ Sullivan designed Auditorium Theatre



◁ The Baha'i Temple, Wilmette



◁ "The Picasso" in the Civic Center Plaza



▽ Michigan Avenue leads to evening excitement



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DAVE MAENZA

△ Many kinds of dining pleasures are yours

△ (Above) Grant Park harbor and the rising skyline
△ The Magnificent Mile

Special Events

State Fair! Complete with big name entertainment, horse and stock car racing, lemonade shake-ups and blue-ribbon bulls. It's not only the biggest fair in the state, it's the biggest in the country. And it falls smack in the middle of a whole eventful year! Illinois doesn't even stop with one state fair. The DuQuoin State Fair slates a whole new program of races and stars to pick up where Springfield leaves off.

From a jolly Olde English Fair in the merry month of May, to a Turn of the Century celebration in mid-September, Illinois makes history repeat itself! Relive the French trading and trapping era at the Fort de Chartres Rendezvous. Sample the pioneer lifestyle at a New Salem Sketch in Time. Take sides in the Civil War Cantonment in Galena, U.S. Grant's home town.

Every season brings its specialties; even winter has a carnival at Rock Cut State Park. In March, crowds gather in small town streets to trade treasures at flea markets and community sales. There's a fair in almost every county every summer. And summer brings theatricals, from the sophisticated roster at Highland Park's Ravinia, to star-studded summer stock at Sullivan. Edwardsville keeps the big names coming with the Mississippi River Festival. Labor Day weekend, Nauvoo celebrates with the recreation of an old French rite, the Wedding of the Wine and Cheese.

Add festivals in honor of deer, horse-farming, rail-splitting, threshing, Chicago's lake-front, Spoon River, lilacs, popcorn, pumpkins, sweet corn, pork chops, chowder and apples, and you know Illinois is the place to find a good time anytime!

▽ The great State Fair, Springfield



▷ Mustering the troops at the Fort de Chartres Rendezvous



▽ Hot air ballooning at an Olde English Fair



▽ "Warm-up" program at Rock Cut



▽ Ravinia Park
inspires picnics
before concerts



△ Tum of the Century Parade



△ John Denver
headlines a
Mississippi
River Festival

◁ Bikers take
the Spoon
River Scenic
Tour

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◁ Colonial contests at Fort de Chartres

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